LOYAL WOMĄN'S WORK

The Household, Conversation Club, Puzzles, etc.

The Happy Household.

HAPPY HOUSEROLD: I have been reading your columns for weeks past, and have been wanting to pay you a visit, have just got to it. I am a young ady just leaving school, and would like to take up a trade. Having selected dressmaking, I would like to ask if there is any book giving instructions in cutting and fitting for ladies and children which can be obtained for \$2 or \$3. Will some one please answer, and oblige a soldier's daughter ?-Clara.

FANCY WORK. HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: I would like some one to send me, through THE TRIBUNE, directions for making a deep trimming, using the Patti and Medallion braid, together with crochet work of linen thread. I have seen lace made of it about four inches deep. I would like directions for making insertion to match lace. I think it would be profitable for the Club to send crochet patterns and other fancy work to THE TRIBUNE,-L. M. S.

Editor's Chat. Austin Hawley, Ransom, Ill., awarded the album

to Miss Bertha McCullom. Harry R. Moser, Easton, Pa., and M. D. Petty, North Dorset, Vt., come to the front in the spelling and grammar school. Annie Wall sends a very happy "Simile" to the

Club from Colorado, and we are sure all will accord her the first place on the Honor Roll. Percie E. Forance's teacher is right. Dakota has not yet been admitted into the Union, though her people are making every effort to secure favorable

action upon the part of Congress. Jennie Hall will find "Thomas at Chickamauga" in Mrs. Sherwood's "Campfire and Memorial

Poems. E. D. Lloyd, Millers Corners, N. Y., would exclude Italians as well as Chinese from this country. He seems to have come in contact with some objectionable characters, and is so inceased that he forgets all about Garibaldi, Victor Emmanuel, and the noble struggle of Italy for free government, such as ours.

Leah N. Wilson, Weiser City, Idaho, thinks every boy and girl should belong to the Red Ribbon Club. Be temperate in all things is, indeed, a good motto for our young people. A cool head and a warm heart is a happy union of working forces for any man or woman. Eva B. Horrell, Frankfort, Ill., would like some one to send the Happy Household recipes for fruit

cake and angel's food Minnie E. Brown, Unity, Wis., has sent porcupine quills to all sending stamps, but cannot ex-tend her "labor of love" beyond this. We would remind our young people generally that it is an imperative business rule to inclose a stamp in a business letter demanding an answer. We do not think the question proposed by Andrew Haze profitable. Benedict Arnold had his aggravations, but treason against the old flag is at

kil times odious.

If the Messis, Walter Kahler and Joe Dyer want a list of lively correspondents we would respectfully refer them to the Misses Emma Fitch, Sugar Run, Bradford Co., Pa.; Mary Hornshue, Bainbridge, N. Y.; Mollie Rogers, Lau Chaire, Wis.; Annie M. Andrews, Munda, Ill., Bessie Himes, Gilbert's Mills, N. Y.; L. M. Hardwick, Danbury, Conn.; "Two Florences," 26 Whitney St., N. Y.; Ivie Ginger, Winchester, Ind. Very few of these like pienty of fun; but O, how they ridicule the vanities and score the vices of the boys. When all is said and done this is a case where the pot cannot call the kettle black." But, dear boys and girls, do try to adorn the mind as well as the body. As the old poem says:

Who shall judge a man from manners, Who shail know him by his dress? Peasants may be fit for princes, Princes fit for something less

RENEWING THEIR ALLEGIANCE. Among those sending pleasant greetings to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and especially the Conversa tion Club, are the following: Carrie E. Bird, soidier's daughter, Belford, Me.; A. C. Mitchell , Bethany, Ill.; David Allison (Old Chief Bugier), Oakdale, Fla.; E. M. Truesdale, son 13th Mich. veteran, Clyde, Kan.; Charles Keeling, Council Hill, Ill., would hear from boys and girls of Co. F, 24th Mass., in which his father served four years and three months; Rosa F. Hines, daughter of Comrade Hines, Co. A, 116th N. Y.; Mary Barnes, daughter of Comrade Barnes, Co. G, 25th Iowa; May Rogers and Addie Hunt, soldiers' daughters, the latter of Comrade F. M. Hunt, who captured the noted medicine wagon Oct. 29, 1862, both would correspond withe soleiers' boys and girls, address Reedtown, Seneca Co., O.; Eva B. Horrell, Frankfort, Ill.; May Scrogin, Ballard, Ill., would hear from the C. C. who enjoy skating rinks; G. M. Haney, 12 years old and the son of a veteran, a little lame boy, who writes a nice letter and who sends merry Christmas to the Editor and the C. C.

Conversation Club. Rules of the Club .- 1. Write briefly. 2. Write only on one side of the paper. 3. Write to the point, 4 Write on one subject. 5. Write your best. 6 Send answers to all puzzles for use of Editor. Each week the names of those writing the best lettersstyle, composition, spelling, penmanship and general merit considered-will be named at the head of this column on the Honor Roll. First honor will include all of these requirements. Second honor will include a deficiency in some one point. No others will be named.

HONOR ROLL-BEST LETTERS. First Honor-Annie Wall, South Pueblo, Colo.; Nettie Wills, Clayton, Ind. Second Honor-Annie M. Andrews, Nunda, Ill.; Glenn S. Foster, Johnson's Creek, N. Y.

TEACHER OR PREACHER. On the question, Resolved, That more responsibility rests with the school-teacher than with the Minister of the Gospel, we think the ayes have it if judgment be passed according to the articles contributed. A teacher begins with the foundation of character, receiving the child fresh from his mother's arms, and has him in training years before the little fellow can have any clear comprehension of pulpit utterances. It is very important, therefore, that a teacher be a person of exalted character, pure morals and Christian principles, as well as of high intelligence and a knowledge of books. The impressions of the school-room are lifelong, and parents should see to it that their children are under proper training. Among the best letters re and with which the discussion ends, are from the following: Glean L. Foster, Johnson's Creek, N. Y.; Neva M. Dawson, Frazeysburg, O.; T. A. Hodgdon, Wesley, Me.; Sailie Hyatt, Hern.itage, Mo.; D. H. Johnson, Co. I, 7th Onio; Minnie Brewer, Unity, Wis.; Joe F. Dyer, Whitesburg,

A new star arose in the sky one night, And with the other stars sent forth its light; At first as other stars it seemed to be, But as it grew it gained in brilliancy. And, as the days and months went circling by, Its brilliant light illumined all the sky; So broad, so grandly full and rich its rays That nations gazed upon it with amaze. Awhile its course it grandly, nobly run, And then it sank to rest as sets the sun; But earth had ne'er a greater wonder known, And ages after told how bright it shone. Like that bright star our hero's life begun, Lake that bright star his course he nobly run; And ages hence will nations proudly tell The deeds of Grant-how brave he fought and well: And then how, like a soldier to the end. He died, possessing every man as friend.

-Annie Wall, South Pueblo, Colo. OUR NATION'S HEROES. FRIENDS OF THE CLUB: I have been a constant reader of THE TEIBUNE for more than a year and think it is the best paper that comes to our home. My father was a soldier in the civil war. He was in Co. C. 70th Ind. Nothing pleases me better than to hear him talk about the war, for it thrills me with admiration to know that the soldiers did such ole deeds. How we young people should honor and reverence them, for, do as much as we can, they can never be repaid for their sacrifices and

suffering. My grandfather, who is 91 years old, served in the war of 1812. He can tell all about Harrison (the "hard-cider" man) and his proceedings at the battle of the Thames, Perry's Victory, battle of Lundy's Lane, and all down to the writing of that beautiful song, "The Star Spangled Banner." I am 19 years of age and am teaching my first school, and can say that I like it very much. I should be very glad to hear from the members of the Club.-Nettie Wills, Box 38, Clayton, Ind.

REVELATIONS OF A DRY-GOODS CLERK. FRIENDS OF THE CLUB: I am a clerk in a general merchandise store, and sell goods to the boys as well as the girls. Of course, girls all lace more or less, as the demand for corsets shows. Fashion controls, and the girl who does not wear a corset looks like some old Italian apple woman. A girl will come in and look at a half-dozen or more pairs of shoes before she is suited, and then go away with a pair that will pinch her feet so they can hardly walk. Right after her will come a boy for a pair of pants, and by the time he is suited he will have a pair that are so tight that he can hardly walk, and if he should happen to fall down, or run, or bend over, they would be very apt to rip. The consequence is, he goes along the street looking and acting more like an ape than anything cise, afraid to turn his head for fear his collar will cut his throat or his pants rip. And this same dude will have on a pair of shoes two or three sizes too small for his feet, and will walk along as if he were stepping on eggs. Fashion's follies are not all on one side.—Will T. Smith, Pine Lake, N. Y.

CLUB WHISPERS. My Thanksgiving Day was full of thankfulness because my father was recovering from a long and severe illness. He served in Co. F,7th N, Y, Art,— Bins Smith, 453 10th street, Troy, N. Y. THE TRIBUNE helps me to pass ever so many de-

lightful evenings.—Lulu M. Spore, Decatur, Iil.
I think the C. C. is a mutual benefit to all who would widen and deepen the reasoning faculties.-Charles P. Stone, Buffalo, Pa.

I am delighted with the C. C. and would consider myself a member. Father served four years in the 59th Ind., and was in the battles of New Madrid. Mo.; Corinth, Vicksburg, Jackson, Raymond, Champion Hills, Port Gibson, Atlanta campaign,

March to the Sca, through the Carolinas, and the

Grand Review.-Emma L. Reese, New Cumber-THE TRIBUNE is engaged in the grandest of many grand efforts in our land for the perpetuity of liberty. Father and five uncles were in the war.—Kate
A. Elder, Windham Center, Me.
God is fast calling our soldiers home. A year
ago I wrote of dear father's death and now of the death of my uncle, John L. Harper, 12th Va., Oct. 25. His name is enrolled among the immortals .-Lucila J. Wiley, Gaiena, Kan.

My father is a disabled soldier of Post 40, who has failed thus far in getting a pension. THE TRIBUNE is read with interest, particularly Si Klegg and "Uncle Daniel's" story.-Willie F. Bodine,

TRIBUNE EXCHANGE-WANTED. To exchange : Last year of the Century Magazine and one year of Scribner for "Field, Fort and Fleet," by M. Quad, or "Bullet and Shell" or "Spy of the Rebellion,-Mary Eichbaum, Centerville, Pa. Photographs and letters, by a Colonel's son of 24.-F. William, Minneapolis, Minn. Postal autographs with the Club.-Lottie Au, Ontario, O. Silver thimble for 10 handsomest pieces of crazy veivet,-Mary T. Frisbie, Mile Strip, N. Y. Postal cards with the Club, hat band for best.-Genevra Goodrich, Shiloh, W. Va. "Tramp, the Boys are Marching."-A. F. Kremer, West Branch, Iowa. Specimens of the big trees of California or star fish r good books. Write first .- O. E. Sayler, Pleyto, al. (father served in the 17th Ind). Fine large album for best photograph of a lady,-I, J, McEl roy, West Virginia University, Laurel Point, W. Va. Trilobites and Indian curiosities for bulbs or sea shells.-Carrie Williams, Clarksville, O. Views of Boston, books, cabinet curiosities, etc., for finest collection of crazy-quilt scraps.—Myra R. Benton Station A, Boston, Mass. Indian arrow heads and pottery, minerals, and fossils for other Indian or nound builder relies for cabinet.-Jasper Brown, Norway, Benton Co., Iowa, "Our National War Songs," 210 pages, for "The Song Bouquet," S. Brainard's Sons, and my photograph for the words and music of "Wait Till the Clouds Roll By."-Grace Wright, Box 124, Hope Valley, R. I. Autograph album and pretty lamp mat for largest col-lection of crazy patches, by Jan. 1.—E. Y. Cook, Osage Mission, Neosha Co., Kan. Views of Boston harbor, Christmas cards, or decalcamanias for

largest collection of crazy patches,-Myra R. Ben-

ton, South End Station, Boston. A gold ring, with name engraved, for handsomest photograph of

Music and poetry: Sheet music, vocal or instrumental, for "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton," "King the Bell, Watchman," "The Mocking Bird," Tramp, Tramp," "The Sword of Bunker Hill, Who'll Buy My Roses Red." By the Sobbing Sea," and "I Will Buy," etc.—Ella Crookham, Box 174, Cambridge, Neb. "Broken Down" and "Marching Through Georgia "for "The Wounded oldier of Stone River" and "Sheridan's Ride."-Ida C. Redmond, Schuyler Falls, N. Y. "Gipsey Warning" and the answer "Gipsy Bride," "Sher-man's March to the Sea," and "Nora Darling," for O, Wrap the Flag Around Me, Boys," "James Bird," "Old Maid's Prayer," "Texas Ranger," Package of Old Letters."—Ida Baily, South Board man, Mich. Would some member of the Club send me the songs with music of "The Little German Home Across the Sea," "The Indian Girl," and "O, Where is My Wandering Boy To-Night."—Midred Torey, Le Mars, Iowa, "Lillie Dale" for "A Flower from My Mother's Grave," answer to "Miss Me at Home," "Dying Cow Boy," and "Gray Back in Rhyme,"—J. W. Powell, Antelope, Idaho, "Who Will Care for Mother Now?" "Young Charlotte" "Package of Old Letters" and "Shout Again, She Knows the Call,"-Mary D. Petty, North Dorset, Vt. "Gathering Up Shells from the Sea Shore" and "Drunksparkling correspondents deny that they follow the ard's Lone Child."-W. P. Johnson, Scranton, Iowa. "Take Back the Heart." "Waltz with Me" and Locked Out After Nine."-Topsy Paisley, Biondeau St., Primrose, Iowa. Correspondence with the Club: Evelyn C. Gray, Chester, N. J.; Gertrude E. Davenport, Massachusetts; Daniel Shilling, Warren, Ind.; Miss A. L. Watrous and Z. E. Shaffer, Gravity, Pa.; Mary E. Holly, Quincy, Ill.; W. P. Johnson, Scranton, Iowa; Topsy Paisley, Primrose, Iowa; Elva Jane Klumph, Walmouth, Wis.; Neilie V. Reid, Box 1245, Wooster, O.; Milo J. Garrett, Thompsonville, Kan.; Delia Burgesser, Versailles, Ill.; G. D. Huffman, Burkett, Ind.; Gracie E. Mundorf (13), Fletcher, Neb.; May and Sadie Hart, Shelby, O.; Katie A. Elder, Windham, Mass.; Nell M. Bates, Versailles, Ill.; Grace Wright, Box 124, Hope Valley, R. I. Will any young gentleman by the name of Will Blanchard send his address to the Ex-change, and oblige Jennie? Will Lottie Manson write the daughter of a soldier of Co. A, 8th Wis., who thinks her a relative? Nellie Sanderson, Concord, Minn.; Charles P. Stone, Buffalo, Pa.; Alice Owens, Columbus, Ind.; Nellie Sencewich, Astoria, Ill, (particularly with the 9th Kan, boys and girls); Madie Taylor, Clearfield, Pa.; Carrie Stevens, Box 39, Cardington, O.; Walter A. Kaler, Andersonville, Ind.; Fred M. Mundal, Box 36, Urbana, O.; Samuel Van Volkenburg, Loomis, N. Y.; Lou Doty (daughter, 52 Ill.), Hampshire, Kane Co., Ill.; Belle Cramer, Box 278, Huntington, Ind.; Frankie Walters, Gravity, Pa.; A. E. Lewis, Walla

BRAIN-RACKERS

Walla, W. T. Postal-card autograph from every

reader of THE TRIBUNE; also, correspondence with

brass-band boys .- A. A. Crooks, Spring Mountain,

Yates, Box 1160, New London, Conn.

Correspondence with the Club,-Annie M.

From Our Young Contributors. [To Contributors: In sending answers name No. of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE in which the puzzle is found. Answers of guessers may be forwarded within a week after receiving this TRIBUNE. Do not make numerical enigmas of your own names, Answers must accompany all puzzies forwarded,

PUZZLE SOLVERS AND THEIR NUMBERS. W. M. Westerman, Huiton, Pa., 3; Calvin Gilbert, Beloit, Wis., 2; B. D. Hall, West Acton, Mass., 5; Clarence Ward, Woodland, Cal., 1; Mary Young Akron, O., 2; J. B. Topley, Englewood, Ill., 1; Mary Truesdell, Clyde, Kan., 4; Bruce Bradley, Wyant, Ill., 3; John Charles Black, Westport, N.Y. Lillian Van Horn, Halstead, Kan., 7; Ereidenthal, Sumner, Ill., 9; Harry R. Moser, Easton, Pa., 2; Ivie Ginger, Winchester, Ind., 2; Mary Petty, North Dorset, Vt., 8; Louelia Walker, Parkwood, Pa., 2; M. P. Nolan, Dayton, O., 2; G Nagle, New Hampton, Iowa, 7; H. W. Cleveland, Middlebury, O., 4; James E. Alger, Swampscott, Mass., 5; C. W. Gulliford, Reedsbury, Wis., 5; Lizzie Burrow, Oakland, Iowa, II; Belle Sutt, Spring Brook, Mich., 1; Tommy —, Economy, Ind., 12; Howard M. Gouder, Waynesboro, Pa., 9; Fannie Shields, Rochester, Ind., 2; Maud Stader, Columbus, Ind., 8; Mamie Snyder, Pine Grove, Pa., 5; John Hoskins, New Hartford, Ill., 4; C. E. Dickenson, Worcester, Mass., 7; Nellie M. Collins, Potsdam, N. Y., 5; Alfred Peters, Bangor, Me., 4; Carrie Dicken, Clarksville, Iowa, 1; M. B. Scott, Le Loup, Kan., 9; Ida S. Ban, Becksville, O., 3; Annie M. Yates, New London, Conn.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN TRIBUNE DEC. 10. Conundrums.-1. A secret. 2. A pack of cards. 3. It is a fellow feeling. 4. It shrinks when it is Mathematical Posers,-1, 61/4 per cent. 2, 405

Can You Answer.-Nothing. Old Time Riddles.-I. A man, a leg of mutton, a stool, a dog. 2. Spinning wheel.

A Family Organ.—Ear: The words are, bear, dear, fear, gear, near, hear, rear, sear, tear, wear,

An Illinois Enigma - John Charles Black. New York Emigma.-Hill. Geographical Enigma.-Washington. Presidential Enigma.—Thomas Hendricks. REBUS.

> C Of the Emerald Isle a part, Dear to every Irish heart. -John James, Washington, D. C.

CONUNDRUMS. 1. What is the difference between an umbrella and a woman? 2. What did Adam first plant in the Garden of Eden? 3. When is a poor doctor like a mole?-Mary Young, Akron, O. 4. When was Noah's wife like a County in New Hampshire?-B. D. Hall, West Acton, Mass. 5. With what book would you sift cinders? 6. When is the worst weather for rats and mice? 7. What part of a bad will transposed make a fish? 8. When is coffee earth?-Nellie M. Collins, Potsdam,

9. Why is THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE like a toothbrush?-Harold Stephens, Westport, N. Y. AN ANCIENT POET.

Im composed of 11 letters. My 7, 8, 9, 10 is a fruit: 0, 3, 4, 11 is a farming tool; 6, 2, 3, 4, 11 is to quiver; 1. 11. 3 is a body of water: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 is used in catching fish; My whole is an ancient poet. -Mark P. Stanley, Rochester, Vt. A NOTED WRITER. My 8, 19, 6, 11, 12 is a tree; , 13, 2, 4, 7 is an important organ; 15, 16, 17, 18 is to lay up;

12, 5, 3, 9 is to engage; 1, 10, 14, 8 is a plant; My whole is a noted writer. -Alfred Peters, Bangor, Me. A PUZZLE.

Three widow women went to a ferry to cross the river. Each widow had two children. The ferry-man charged them 10 cents each. What was their bill ?-J. L. Carroll, Williamsburg, Ky. DECAPITATIONS.

1. Behead in need and leave an insect. 2. Behead a garment and leave a grain. 3. Behead a part of the body and leave a conjunction. ENIGMA.

 My maternal parent in excellent condition. 2.
 So very fast indeed. 3. A certain six footer whose name begins with fifty. Now puzzlers look sharp and three poets names you will see.—Howard M. Gonder. AN OLD ADAGE.

I am composed of 20 letters. My 7, 2, 3 is a male; 10. 20. 1 is a well-known tree: 11, 12, 14 is to decay; 15, 16 is a preposition; 18, 13, 8, 4 is to express a choice; 9, 19, 7 is of masculine gender; 5, 2, 3 is at a distance; 18, 6, 20, 17 is to be mean or low; My whole is a familiar adage.

-Carrie E. Bird Belfast, Me.

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

CARE OF CHICKENS

sonable to suppose that eggs in any profitable

annovance to the hen is the large amount of

vermin which too often infest the nest. Not

only does this make the hen dread her nest as

There is no excuse for the existence of this

state of affairs, for a very small amount of care

will entirely prevent it. The perches should

be frequently and thoroughly scraped and

washed with diluted carbolic acid or kerosene,

and some of the mixture should be sprinkled

on the walls and floor. A small amount of in-

sect powder may also be used with advantage.

hav being supplied at short intervals. A little

tobacco refuse mixed in the nests will also be

found of great value as an insecticide, particu-

larly in nests occupied by sitting hens, as they

from the length of their sittings are particularly

If the three conditions named-filth, damp-

ness and vermin-are avoided, there will be

liable to be annoyed and injured by vermin.

for any trouble this may entail.

yield a very considerable income.

KEEP THE HARNESS PLIABLE.

As a good set of harness entails an outlay of

quite a sum of money, it is certainly worth

while to pay some attention to its preservation;

and yet probably nothing about the farm re-

ceives less care. It happens not infrequently

that from the day on which the harness comes,

new and shiny, from the shop until it is thrown

not receive any attention, except probably to

mend a break. Now, about an hour spent, say

once a month, in thoroughly overhauling the

harness, would make it last at least as long

again. And this is not the only advantage to

be derived from such care, for it contributes in

no small degree to the comfort of the animals

wearing it, a consideration which should appeal

more strongly than any other to every humane

In the first place, the leather should be kept

soft, and in the second every broken stitch

time, all that is necessary being to thoroughly

wash the harness in warm soapsuds, and after

doing so, and while still damp, thoroughly

saturate with fish oil. If you wish to improve

RAPID-WALKING HORSES.

with strength and endurance, and far too little

attention is given by farmers to training their

animals to a good working gait. The amount

of work that can be got from a pair of fast-

slow, slovenly-stepping team, can only be real-

ized by those who have tested the matter. A

little labor in training colts to a fast walk is all

that is necessary to secure a team which will

CARE IN FEEDING COWS.

the fact is not sufficiently apprehended that

the cow, of all animals, should have good and

pure food. The flavors and germs taken in the

feed pass off, to a great extent, in the milk.

Often has it been known of a cow eating poi-

sonous substances without injury to herself;

but her milk was impregnated with the poison

or disease germs, and the human consumers

were injured. Milk is much more sensitive in

receiving and tenacious in holding impurities

than water, and it seems that the impurities of

the animal's system are unloaded into the lac-

teal ducts and pass off into the milk pail to

impregnate the system of the consumer,

whether they were in the first place imbibed

in the drink, devoured in the food or breathed

into the system from impure air, odors or sur-

roundings. For these reasons great care should

always be taken to insure that the milch cow is

not subjected to surroundings, food or drink

NOTELETS.

- In eight Western States there are 1,628

butter factories and creameries. Of these Iowa

has 650, Illinois 497,-Wisconsin 130, Kansas and

Minnesota 100 each, Missouri 61, Indiana 50,

and Nebraska 40. Last year lowa produced

one-tenth of the dairy products of the United

States, \$500,000,000 being the sum of the coun-

- Horses to the number of 1,000,000 per year

are required to supply the business necessities

of the country. The whole number of horses

in the United States is about 15,000,000, in-

-To cure a horse of stumbling, which is

caused by dragging the fore feet too low and

catching the toe, the toe should be shortened

and no toe-calks used. A bracelet of wooden

around the leg above the lowest joint. This

causes the horse to throw the feet out a little

if turned up and exposed to the frosts of Win-

Hypophosphites,

Especially Desirable for Children.

and our physicians find it very beneficial."

balls strung upon a strap should be worn

and bearing forward in the harness.

try's production.

cluding breeding stock.

which will fill her system with impurities.

on which it presses.

The Gurious Corner. As this is a time of the year when chickens, [Answers to questions will not be published witha two or three weeks after questions appear. So f properly cared for, can be made very profitall will have a chance to send replies, and receive able, it would be well for every farmer to see honorable mention with number answered.] that his poultry receive a large measure of his Patient Gleaners: Wm. F. Breidenthal, Sumner, Ill., 2; Jennie Ford, Lansingville, N. Y., 1. The first Baptist society in the United Stales was In the first place, the chicken house should introduced into Rhode Island in 1638 by Roger Wilbe made warm and comfortable. It is unrealiams and John Clark. 1. When was the first census of the United States

be kept dry and snug.

where was coal first discovered in America?-Ida amount can be secured from hens which perch S. Ban. Breeksville, O. under a roof from which the leakage drips in 3. How many men did Ethan Allen have when on them the whole night long, and in many he captured Ticonderoga? 4. How many men did it take to form a company of minute men in the war of the Revolution? 5. Who is referred to in instances pours into the nests, making them Longfellow's poem of "Paul Revere's Ride"? anything but a pleasant place for the hen to And one was safe and asleep in his bed deposit her eggs. The rain and wind should Who at the bridge would be first to fall, both be scrupulously excluded from the house,

taken, and what was the population? When and

A BRITISH GENERAL.

2 is in Columbia, but not in Augusta; 3 is in Rockford, but not in Benton;

4 is in New York, but not in Alabama

5 is in New Hampshire, but not in Utah; 6 is in Arkansas, but not in Kentucky;

-May Truesdell, Clyde, Kan.

My 1 is in Clinton, but not in Portland;

7 is in Florida, but not in Maine;

8 is in California, but not in Asia;

9 is in Africa, but not in Europe;

10 is in Tennessee, but not in Vermont.

My whole is a British General.

I am composed of 10 letters.

Pierced by a British musket ball. -Z., Crookstown, Minn. 6. Is a sponge of the vegetable or animal kingdom?-John Hoskins, jr.

Who that day would be lying dead,

RIBLE BRIGADE. Sure Searchers: Howard M. Gonder, Waynesboro, O., 6; J. B. Tapley, Englewood, Ill., 6; Willie J. Hardin, McCalisburg, Iowa, 3; David Alison, Oakdale, Fla., 1; Lizzie Duke, Woodburn, Iowa, 2; J. E. Smith, Barre, Mass., 7; M. B. Scott, Le Loup, Kan., 5; N. B. Blanton, Hazleton, Kan., 3; Jas. E. Alger, Swampscott, Mass., 3; Meda Plympton, 7; Eliza J. Watts, Croton, Iowa, 6. Job washed his steps with butter. (Job, 29:6.) Job asked the question, Hath the rain a father?

young lady.-Doris N. Benton, Hector, O. Large Sampson's riddle is found in Judges, 14: 4. licetion of newspapers-literary, agricultural and For prophecies of John see Isaiah, 40: 3, and Maiscellaneous, also novels, to exchange for anything; printing press, 3½ by 5, preferred; write first.—A. A. Crooks, Spring Mountain, O. Written The Jews in the time of Christ were divided into the Pharisees and Saducees. The former believed visiting cards exchanged with the Club.-Hiram in the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of Tuttle, Osage, Iowa. Two volumes (1884-'85) of the body, and future reward of the righteous (Jews Youth's Companion for a good banjo, Flobert rifle, only). Christ condemned the Pharisees for hypoc-

or card printing press, steel type; handsome pres-ent for best tintype.—Walter Kaler, Andersonville, riey and cold formalism. Christ first declared a blessing on the poor in spirit. (Matt., 5:3.) King Asa's name is the same spelled backward. I. How old was Noah at the coming of the flood Fannie Shields, Rochester, Ind. Who fell at Peter's feet and worshiped him? What is religion as defined by an Apostle?
 What will our Lord bring at his second coming? Who will be blessed at the judgment? 5. What will they eat? 6. Where may they go? 7. Who was slow of speech and got his brothers to talk for

him? 8. Who was buried in a valley and no man knoweth his grave?—W. J. G., Collamore, O. ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BRAIN-RACKERS. No. 73-Conundrum-Let-her-be. (Letter B.) No. 74-Rebus-Pope's Essay on Man. No. 75.—CONUNDRUM.



What a bashful person dislikes. Answer next week.



Answer next week. THE QUESTION SQUAD. Comrades' Queries and Replies-Odds and Ends of

Information. E. H. Dibble, Peoria, Ill., wants the address of anv comrades who were in Co. A, 13th N. Y. H. A., afterwards transferred to the 6th N. Y. H. A., who knew Louis Stone, of Co. A, 13th N. Y. H. A., who is trying to get a pension, and lacks the evidence of his disability he contracted in the army. --- S. S. Brown, York, Neb., would like to hear from any of the members of Co. I, 3d Cal., with a view to obtaining evidence in procuring a pension.—Martin Raiph, Forestville, Minn., wants the addresses of Capts. Payne and H. W. Day, Co. A, 106th N. Y. Comrade Raiph would also like to find the whereabouts of Comrades Myers and Williams, 106th N Y., who were captured with him by Mosby's guerrilla's, and were with him in Danville and Libby - William Effis, Co. I, 40th Ill., Mt Morris, Mich. If Melcher H. Raney, of the 14th Ind., who asks for the address of Frand Howard in THE TRIBUNE, of Oct. 8, will send me his address can furnish the information asked for.—A. McNamara, Atchison. Kan., wishes the addresses of John McKnight, Charles H. Masters, of Co. B, 19th Kan., and Quartermaster Hollobush, of said regiment, and the Quartermaster-Sergeant, or next in command under him, on the march from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to Fort Union, N. M .- Wm. H. Hill, Co. F, 88th Ill., Cheney, Kan., would like to get the addresses of John W. Chickerings, Captain, Co. F, 88th Ill., and A. C. M., Second Division, Fourth Corps also, Lieut. Walse or Walch, of same company and regiment. - Thomas Lawcock, Venice Center, Mich., desires the name and address of the ward doctor of the Chestnut Hill Ho-pital, Philadelphia, Pa. in the Winter of 1864-'5. —Freeman Conklin. Co. A. 16th Ind., Greencastle, Ind., wants to know the whereabouts of Lawrence Roney, Orderly Sergeant, Co. A, 16th Ind .- Collins Wetherby, Brown Hollow, Pa., would like to correspond with any member of the 3d Pa. Cav. - Bruin Overcem, Conway Springs, Kan., wants the addresses of Regimental Surgeons, First and Second Lieutenants, and some of the privates of Co. I, 154th Ill.—Mrs. Eilen M. Ellis, Worcester, Mass., would like to know the address of any member of Co. B. 1st U. S. Inf., who knows of the death of Andrew W. Ellis at Fort Grant, A. T., Dec. 4, 1883. --- Wm. N. Clark, Dighton, Kan., would like some member of the 18th Ill to write an account of some of the doings of that organization during the war. --- George W. Miller, Terre Haute, Ind., wants volumes II, III, IV of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE either bound or unbound He is willing to pay a good price for same.---Michael Ashlan, Harvard Junction, Ill., wants the addresses of Col. Davis, 153d N. Y., and John Call, of the same regiment, - John Hendrick, Wiehita, Kan, would like the address of George Prest, who had his feet burnt off while in Andersonville Prison in 1864. - J. M. Towner, Edon, O., would like the address of Col. Wm. H. Heath, of the 33d Mo .-The address of John Cartwright, Second Lieuten ant, Co. F, 88th Ind., is wanted by Thomas R. Davis, Wolf Lake, Noble Co., Ind .- Harry Wilson, Danville, Pa., wishes the addresses of any of his comrades of Battery D, 1st Ill. Art.—The address of Col. Benj. Runkle, of the 45th Ohio, is wanted by G.

W. Mayburry, box 48, Stone's Prairie, Adams Co., Ill. -D. P. Lucas, Oswego, Kan., wants the address of Wm. Stone, 11th Ohio, who was discharged in the Spring of 1865 at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.—H. Metz, Salisbury Center, N. Y., would like the address of any private or officers of Co. I, 86th N. Y., who were in Bridgeport, Ala., in May, 1864.—J.
B. Sawhill, Omaha, Neb., would like the address of
his comrades of Co. A, 4th W. Va. Cav., who were with him when captured by John Morgan's guerrillas; also of the "Red Acorn" comrade found sick by the roadside in May or June, 1864, during the Atlanta campaign, and assisted into a wagon belonging to "General Supply Ordnance Train, Army of the Cumberland;" gave him blankets, and as soon as possible had him sent to fleid hospital.---John A. Blanton, Minersville, Kan., wants the address of Lieut.-Col. Wm. F. Prossor, commanding the 2d Tenn. Cav. during the year 1864, and also of any commissioned or non-commissioned officer or com-rade of Co. B, said regiment, in order to establish a pension claim for deafness. - Isaac Walker. Co. F, 3d Mich., Hastings, Mich., would be glad if any comrade could give information of William Walker, who went out from Decorah, Iowa, with some Iowa regiment.—F. L. Putt, Middlebury, Ind., wishes to know the whereabouts of any of the Columbus, O.—Anthony Kauss, Co. C, 10th Ind.
Cav., National Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va., wants the address of any of his comrades.—Moses A. Pixley-Larned, Kan., would like the address of Capt. George W. Roe, formerly of Co. G, 13th Mich., or any of the members of that company,

who knew of his condition while on Lookout Mountain in 1864. "The Slough of Despondency"

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SUNDAY MEDITATION. Practical Duties Taught by a Study of the Inter-

Jan. 10, Jer., 8:20-22; 9:1-16, One reading these notes should first carefully study the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as indicated above.]

national Sunday School Lesson Appointed for

We now have a lesson in the prophecy of Jeremiah. He was born at Anathoth, near Jerusalem, 642 B. C., and lived for 56 years. He began his prophetic work when 14 years old, was a prophet 40 years, and died a martyr two years afterward in Egypt. The Kings of Judah contemporary were Josiah, Shallum, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jechoniah, and Zedekiah. The name of his father was Hilkiah, who was a priest, and, hence, Jeremiah was of the tribe of Levi and a descendant of Aaron. He wrote two books of the Bible, the prophecy of Jere-

miah and the book of Lamentations. The prophecies of Jeremiah refer to the evils destined to come upon the Kingdom of Judah on account of their great sins. We are assured that the people outdid even the inhabitants of the Kingdom of Israel in idolatry and wickedness of all kinds. Judahites did not profit by the fate of Israelites. The latter had been carried off captives to Assyria 111 years before. the perches frequently scraped and the nests We would think this a lesson to Judah never to be forgotten. Jeremiah sees the fate in store for his Nation. He knows it must soon follow Another and an almost constant source of in the steps of the Israelitish Kingdom. Through prophetic eyes he beholds Nebuchadnezzer on his way to Jerusalem. Indeed, the captivity of Judah took place 32 years after our esson, viz., 588 B. C. (See 2 Ki., 25:1-7.

a place of torment, and drive her to some out-The people have become so set in evil, the of-the-way place to lay, (and this frequently prophet believes, there is no prospect of reresults in the loss of eggs,) but in the Spring, orm. So the book of Jeremiah differs from arrives at that age. when she brings out her young brood, they, that of Isaiah. The latter prophet saw hopes too, become a prey to the lice. This not infor amendment and worked for it; the former frequently leads to the death of the chicks, and assumes the doom of the Judahites fixed, deplores it, explains its reason, and positively always retards their growth. It enfeebles them predicts it. There is no spirit of hopefulness, to such a degree that they soon fall a prey to but a sort of wail all through the book of Jerethe many diseases which lie in wait for young miah. The author has been styled " the weeping prophet."

The writer imagines his fellow-citizens in the very midst of war and siege. Their fate is inevitable. Many a time they could have saved themselves, but such opportunities were not improved. He utters a proverb applicable as a general principle in a thousand ways-"The harvest is past, the Summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah is distressed—hurt, an agent. The claim can be commuted for eash at he are not saved." Jeremiah is distressed—hurt, \$1.25 per acre if the land was of that class when because his people, dear to him as a daughter, The nests should be frequently changed, clean are in such a plight. He was so confounded by astonishment at the inveteracy of Judah's sins and their consequences that his face paled, became dark, ghastly. (14:2; Joel 2:6; Nah., 2:10.) He imagines the wickedness to be a fearful disease, and then looks about for a physician, and wonders if there be any remedy. The land of Gilead lay east of the Jordan and little trouble in keeping the poultry in good was so noted for various balsams and medicinal health, and the increased income from this herbs that many physicians resorted thither branch of farm economy will pay handsomely | for drugs. Yes, indeed, there were balm and doctor in Gilead. Why then be sick? It was The great mistake the average farmer makes not God's pleasure that his people so suffer. is in considering the chickens as creatures not Judah was set on sin, and, even when diseased worthy of any attention-something outside in wickedness, would not seek physician and the ordinary routine of the farm, that should | medicine. (Vs. 20-22.) Jeremiah wished he be left to take care of themselves; whereas, if | could impress the people with a sense of his given a little attention they might, be made to | deep concern, in hope they might realize their own condition, (V. 1.) He foresaw through He preferred a rude place in the far-off wilderness to the luxury and comfort of the city, if

ery of his fellow-citizens. Verses 3 to 9, inclusive, were spoken by God. They set forth the wickedness of the people and the consequent punishment. The lips are away or cut up to use on break-blocks it does as a bow in shape and the tongue as an arrow. Lies fly from their lips like arrows speeding from a bow. (Vs. 3, 8.) Their feet help them in spreading slanders. (V. 4.) They wont speak truth. (V. 4.) They have sent their ongues to school to study scandal. (V. 5.) Their tongues become tired in lying and their feet wearied in carrying about slanders. (V.5.) Not recognizing God's authority, they grow in evil. (Vs. 3, 13.) Their neighbors are unsafe and need to be constantly on guard. (V. 4.) They deceive and supplant and falsify and cannot be trusted. You can name the place where should be immediately repaired. The former they live, "Deceit." (V. 6.) They residecan be done with a very small expenditure of some on "Scandal St.," others up "Slander Lane," others down "Hypocrisy Avenue." Try to lead them from their errors, and they refuse (V. 6) to reform. They are treacherous. Pretending to be friends, they assassinate. the appearance of the harness (and every farmer

thus he could escape cousciousness of the mis-

(V. S.) Heroes for falsity, they run no risks should have enough pride to wish to see everyfor truth. (V. 3.) They prefer Baalim to God. thing look nice), a little lampblack may be mixed with the oil. This will blacken the leather Something must be done. It will not do to and make it look equal to new. In addition to permit a people to be growing in audacity of these advantages, keeping the leather soft and sin. The way to remove dross from metals is pliable will prevent the harness from chafing to melt them. Cast Judah into a furnace. the horses and causing those unsightly blotches V. 7.) Let heathen rage against them. Let and sores commonly called barness galls. If the fires of war and persecution be kindled there is one thing more disgraceful to a horseabout them. Permitted of God on account of owner than another, it is to see their animals the sins of the people, these may be styled visdisfigured by reason of the harness, being hard itations from the Lord. (V. 9.)

and lumpy, cutting into the skin of the helpless Verse 10 is an exclamation of Jeremiah when animals or rubbing off the hair at every point he realizes the vengeance soon to descend on Judah. He sees the terraced mountains or Every farmer should also keep on hand a hillsides, once landscapes rich with cultivation. ball of waxed thread and an awl, and these desolated. He beholds the pastures (the meanshould be used the moment the slightest start ing of the Hebrew rendered "habitations" or break reveals itself. The practice of repairreally is pastures) of the wilderness (the meaning with copper rivets is slovenly and ineffective, ing of the original is not wilderness in the sense and should always give way to the needle and of a barren spot, but land untilled, unsown, and so adapted to grazing) trampled down, neglected, not irrigated, and so unsightly and useless. Without question, the most valuable horse He weeps, wails, laments. Cattle and fowl for farmwork is one that combines a rapid walk would starve, and so flee.

Verses 11 to . inclusive set forth God's de-

terminations as to the wicked Kingdom of Judah. The buildings of the capital were to be thrown down. The debris would be seen in stepping horses in the plow, as compared with a heaps. Jackals would occupy the ruins while the human inhabitants would be slain or would escape. (V. 11.) The wise man, Jeremiah prophesied of the wreck and ruin. (V. 12.) Judah was a rich land, flowing with milk and do one-fourth more labor in a day than one to honey, glowing in golden harvests, with hillwhich no attention in this regard has been sides luxuriant in fodder and covered with sleek cattle. Things shall change. For bread the people shall have tears (Ps., 80:5) and affliction (1 Ki., 22:27) and wormwood. (V. 15, An exchange very pertinently remarks that 23:15.) Same as hemlock. (Amos, 6:12). For drink they shall have gall. (V. 15, 8: 14. Lam., 3:19; Amos, 6:12.) God had threatened just such consequences to the people if they sinned. (Deu., 29:18.) They loved their native land with an ardent patriotism, but they were to be driven from it and scattered among the heathen nations, whose very contact they loathed. This soon took place in the Babylonish captivity. Nor shall their troubles end by flight. The literal sword would pierce them, persecutions would enter their souls, trials awaited them everywhere. They were to become a despised people, the butt of ridicule, without friends to protect them from even unjust treatment. (V. 16.)

How full this paragraph is of useful lessons to us! 1. Seize on the present. Do not allow opportunities to pass. Many a man reviews his life and exclaims, "The harvest is past," the chance

2. We should feel for wrongdoers, be sad if evil prosper, be hurt if the church be harmed. (Vs. 21, 1, 2, 10; 4:19, 8:18.) Christ wept over Jerusalem. The good always are in sorrow if evil prevails. 3. None need suffer religiously. We have Christ as our physician-his sufferings and

death as our balm, (V. 22.) 4. Try to escape wicked associations. (V. 2.) Better be alone than with the vicious; better a hut with purity than a mansion with iniquity. 5. Be patriotic. Love your land. Deplore its desolation.

6. Be truthful. Injure no one with your tongues. Do not retail slanders. Guard your neighbors. (Vs. 3, 4, 6, 8.) Be valiant for truth. Do not deceive. Be not treacherous. (V. 2.) 7. Recognize God and his laws in all things. Vs. 3. 6.) Do not compromise him by idolatry.

is the giving to any but God your worshiping affections. (V. 2.) 8. Stop sinning. See God's attitude toward the evil and fear. The wicked suffer as in - If the soil contains insects in the pupa furnaces. (V. 7.) God will be avenged. (V. 9.) state, they will be more likely to be destroyed Whole nations have paid the penalty of sin by extinction. Many a magnificent capital now lies ter. Many species of insects enter into the in ruins through evil doing. Lizzards sun pupa state but a few inches beneath the surface themselves on the debris of palaces. What sorof the earth, relying upon the soil and sod rows people bring on themselves by forgetting

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H. H. W., Canaanville, O.-1, Has an attorney a right to take \$25 on a contract to prosecute a widow's ciaim of war of 1812? 2. Soldier died in the army; father and mother both dead. Can surviving sister collect back pay and bounty? 3. Father applies for pension; dies; mother applies; claim is completed, and voucher comes the day she is buried. can heirs collect the amount allowed up to that time? Answer. 1. Yes. 2. Yes, if she is the only heir and the amount has not been paid. 3. No. Father was not entitled to pension until the mother

M. A. V., Montezuma, Iowa.-Has a United States banker any right to hold off money from a pension check while he pays out money in stock for his own profit, or is eash forwarded to each State and distributed by State Commissioners? Please answer, and accommodate several persons. Answer. If you will be kind enough to tell us in a letter what the question is about, we will be glad to reply to the extent of our ability; but as the question stands we give it up.

I. A., Fort Wayne, Ind .- I am a pensioner: have a wife and children. In case of my death will my wife draw the same amount as I do now? If she does not, wiil the children? Answer. Your widow or children will not be entitled to any pension un less your death is caused by the disability for which you are pensioned, or some other disability equally due to your service and line of duty. The rate that you are receiving cannot affect her or their rates, which are fixed by law and can be neither more or less. The widow of an enlisted man draws \$5; of a Second Lieutenant \$15, etc., with \$2 additional for each child under 16 years of age until the child

W. H. B., Wooster, O .- My brother took up a claim in Nebraska about a year ago and held the same, complied with the law for 14 months, and then died before proving up. He was not married, and had been a soldier. Can I hold said claim in any way; and if not, can I buy it, and at what price per acre? Answer. We presume you refer to a homestead claim. In case of the death of a homestead party who had complied with the law, and who left no widow or minor children, the right to perfect title inures to the heirs or devisee. Any one of the heirs-in case of no devisee-can make proof or commute under Sec. 2301, Revised Statutes, but the certificate or patent will issue to the legal heirs, leaving the court to determine who they are. Residence upon the land by heirs or devisee is not expected. It is sufficient if the improvement and cultivation are kept up for the required period, which may be done by

J. P., Ogden, Ill .- I contracted some kind of a disease while in the army, about 18 months before was discharged, and it continued until about seven years ago; then ceased. Now, am I entitled to pension for what time I was troubled with the disease? Answer, You could have proved up such a claim had you filed your claim therefor prior to July 1, 1880, but as all claims filed since that date can commence only from date of filing, and as, according to your statement, you are not now entitle to pension by reason of disability having ceased you cannot draw pension for the period mentioned Veteran, New Castle, Del.-A widow applies for pension; her case is referred to a Special Examiner, and he, while examining one of her witnesses, makes use of the following: "He don't think she is entitled to a pension, and that he will do all in his power to keep her from getting it." The witness and another person who were in an adjoining room are both willing to make affidavit to the above. Now, I would like to know if, after the claim has been rejected, it would be worth while to what slaughters they would pass. He wished circumstances? Answer. That depends upon the he was not forced to witness their distress. | cause of rejection as stated by the Commissioner of Pensions. The statement of the Special Examiner above mentioned would tend to show that the claim is not meritorious. Whether it is or is not, we do not know, therefore we cannot advise you. National Military Home, Ohio.-If a pensioner receives a pension of \$2 per month for a disability which he thinks should have been rated higher, and he makes an appeal for re-rating, and it is granted, will it date back with the arrearage that he received at \$2 per month to Oct. 10, 1865? Or, to state more plainly, if he made his application and it was placed on file in the Pension Office Jan. 1 1880, and he received his pension April 15, 1885, at \$2 per month with arrearage dating from Oct. 10, 1865. if re-rating is granted will he receive additional arrears from 1865? Answer. Yes, if allowed, and the medical history of the case will justify a rerating back to that time.

J. G. B., Truckee, Cal.-What were the badges used by the Fifth and Nineteenth Corps? crosses, what were their names? What corps used the Maitese cross as a badge? Answer. The badge of the Fifth Corps was a Maltese cross, and that of the Nineteenth Corps very much similar in shape, and may be designated as a fan-leaved cross, although some call it a Maltese cross. J. C. M., St. Augustine, Ill.—I applied for pension in 1883, and it was allowed in 1884. I then applied for increase on a new disability (not mentioned in the first application). If allowed, will I receive the

increase from 1883, or from the time I made the application for increase? Also, I would like to know. after writing to Commissioner of Pensions in regard to my claim for increase, and he said it was waiting officers' and Surgeons' affidavits, and sent them testimony of two officers, how long will it be before I hear from it? Auswer. You can get increase for the new disability only from date of ling the claim therefor. You do not appear to have complied with the call for the Surgeon's testimony. You will not probably hear from the office until you do something in regard to that call. As we are not the Pension Office, we cannot say when any claimant will hear from his claim.

Music, Cayuga, N. Y.—"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," was written by Thomas A. Beckett, an English actor, who, in 1879, was a teacher of music W. W., Denverton, Cal.-They have been survey-

ing the mountain land, and some persons who are the owners of large tracts of land are taking up homesteads. My question is: Can a man who is the owner of 320 acres of land, take up a homestead by complying with the law? Answer. Yes; he can homestead, providing that he has not exercised that right before, but the cannot pre-empt. G. Z., Cleveland, O .- Who was the first man who called Cincinnati the Queen City of the West? Answer. We do not know, but we think it was a man named Smith. S. A., New York City. - We do not publish any book

on the pension laws. You can obtain a copy of the laws by writing to the Commissioner of Pensions. The arrears of pension, if ever given in your case, will probably be allowed at \$2 per month, the rate first given you. In April, 1884, the rates for partial deafness, etc., were increased, but such rates governed only from and after that date. Our position on the question of repealing the limitation of the Arrears Act ought to be known to our readers, inasmuch as "our views" have been quite freely and forcibly expressed from time to time. We are for repealing the act unconditionally, so that all persons may draw pensions from the date when their title to pension commenced. Several bills have already been introduced, and they are all good. Some one of them ought to go through this session. J. R., West Newton, Pa .- I am an applicant for increase of pension on account of amputation of thigh, in upper third, near hip joint. If increase to \$37.50 is allowed, will I be entitled to arrearages since the passage of the act of 1879 allowing \$37.50 for amputation at the hip joint? Answer. No; only from March 3, 1885. T. B., Stendal, Ind .- A man went into the army,

contracted disability, which entitled him to a pension; but the pension did not come until after he died, and his widow drew his pension and bought a farm with the money. The deed was made to her. This widow was his second wife and he was her second husband. Each one had a child, before they were married, by their former companions. Which of the children is entitled to the farm, the father's child or the mother's child? The widow is also dead. Answer. It is a simple question of heirship to be settled by the courts, if the widow left no will. The fact that the farm was purchased with pension money does not affect the case. It was her property, to be disposed of by her as she chose.

C. E. B., Hopkinton, N. Y.-1, Is a soldier who is drawing \$15 per month for chronic diarrhea and lung disease as a result entitled to an increase if his diseases totally disable him from all manual labor whatever? 2. If so, how much? Answer. 1. Yes. 2. \$30 per month, if the facts are as stated, and the Examining Surgeon finds that degree of disability existing.

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